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Greening the Banks of the New York City Shoreline

Guided Walking Tour to Highlight Ecologically Landscaped Post Industrial Sites

What: Guided walking tour of ecological park initiatives along New York City's post industrial waterfront including Hudson River Park, Battery Park City, Governors Island & Brooklyn Bridge Park. This unique view of New York City is one of two dozen initiatives nationwide being highlighted this summer by the cross-country Udall Legacy Biodiesel Bus Tour. The tour is highlighting communities and young people nationwide finding solutions to America's pressing environmental and Native American issues. The carbon neutral tour will travel in a motor coach which uses a blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% ultra low sulfur diesel and is the first motor coach approved by the University of Vermont's "Green Coach Certification" program.

Where: Northern end of Chelsea Piers Athletic Facility (On the waterside of the West Side Highway at the Western end of 22nd street)

When: Thursday, June 14, 2007 – 9:00 AM

Who: The tour will be led by Matthew McMahon, senior environmental designer of Great Eastern Ecology, Inc., Udall Scholar 2003 & 2004; 13 college-age riders from the national Udall Legacy Bus Tour promoting public service on environmental and Native American issues. The tour has been organized by the Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent federal agency that awards the premier merit-based scholarships, fellowships and internships for studies related to the environment and Native American policy in the United States.

Why: The educational tour will demonstrate on-going initiatives that restore ecological and recreational value to the most industrial places of New York City's waterfront. "At a time when the news about the environment emphasizes the problems only, we felt that this bus tour could tell a different story – a story about the positive solutions being found by our young Udall alumni, cities, tribal communities and others," said Chris Helms, executive director of the Udall Foundation.

Visuals: Waterfront parks in various stages of construction in New York City, kayaking on the Hudson River, first-ever green-certified biodiesel motor coach, uniformed Udall Legacy Bus tour riders.

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More information on the bus tour and the Foundation is available at www.udall.gov